



Farm Reporter

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CATTLE INVENTORY

CATTLE: All cattle and calves in **ALASKA** on January 1, 2016 totaled 11,000 head. This includes 4,000 head of beef cows that have calved and 300 dairy cows that have calved, 1,600 heifers over 500 pounds, 2,500 bulls and 400 steers over 500 pounds and 2,200 calves.

BEEF COWS, at 4,000 head were down 300 head from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers over 500 pounds totaled 900 head, unchanged from last year.

There were 300 **MILK COWS** that have calved, unchanged from a year ago. There were 100 head of dairy replacement heifers on hand January 1, 2016, also unchanged from a year ago.

CATTLE INVENTORY		
As of January 1	2015	2016
All Cattle & Calves	10,000	11,000
Beef Cows/Calved	4,300	4,000
Milk Cows /Calved	300	300
Heifers (500+ lbs)	1,100	1,600
Bulls/Steers (>500 lbs)	2,700	2,900
Calves (<500 lbs)	1,600	2,200

The complete report can be found at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/Catt/Catt-01-29-2016.pdf>

ALASKA CROP VALUES

Crop values include average price and values of production for Alaska's major field crops. All prices in this report are marketing year average prices. The value is computed from production and marketing average year price. These estimates should not be confused with cash receipts, which relate to sales during a calendar year, irrespective of the year of production.

ALASKA CROP VALUES							
		Price per Unit			Value of Production		
		2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Barley	Bu.	\$5.40	\$5.45	\$5.45	\$594,000	\$1,183,000	\$796,000
Oats	Bu.	\$3.75	\$3.70	\$3.80	\$56,000	\$211,000	\$179,000
All Hay	Tons	\$395.00	\$385.00	\$370.00	\$5,925,000	\$9,625,000	\$7,400,000
Potatoes	Cwt.	\$23.50	\$21.90	\$21.50	\$3,055,000	\$3,395,000	\$2,903,000

The complete report can be found at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropValuSu/CropValuSu-02-24-2016.pdf>

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FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

A farm is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year”. Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), or other government programs are counted as farms. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pastures or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in CRP, WRP and other government conservation programs.

The number of farms in the **United States** for 2015 is estimated at 2.07 million, down 18 thousand farms from 2014. Total land in farms, at 912 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 441 acres, up 3 acres from the previous year.

The complete report, including data by economic sales class, can be found at:
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-18-2016.pdf>

ALASKA FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS				
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Farms ^{1/}	760	760	760	750
Land in Farms (Acres)	830,000	830,000	830,000	830,000
Average Farm Size (Acres)	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,107

1/ Includes farms and ranches with annual sales or potential sales of \$1,000 or more.